

**In the Specification:**

Please make the following changes in the specification:

Page 1, between the title of the invention and the first paragraph, please insert the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE**

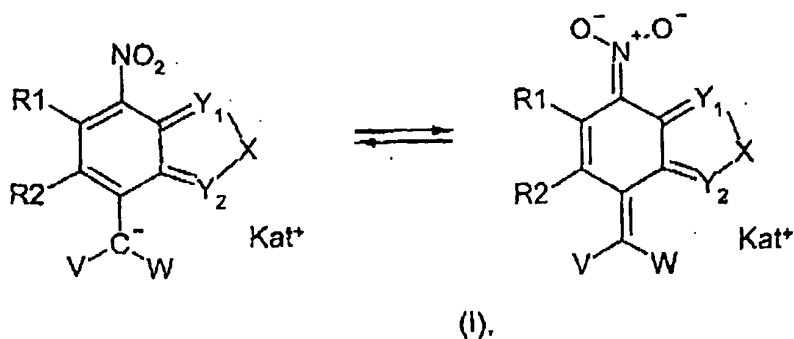
This is a divisional of copending U.S. Patent application, Ser.No. 10/276,410, filed November 12, 2002.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 2, line 1, to page 3, line 4, the following changes are made in the paragraph between these lines:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The object of the present invention therefore are new 7-nitro-2, 1, 3-benzoxadiazole compounds and 7-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole compounds of formula ~~4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivatives and 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole derivatives~~ of the general Formula (I)



in which

X is oxygen or sulfur

Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different and, independently of one another,

represent a nitrogen atom or a nitrogen monoxide group (NO);

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different and, independently of one another, may

be hydrogen, a halogen atom (F, Cl, Br, I), a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl

group substituted with a halogen atom, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkoxy group, a nitro group or

an NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup> group, the R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> groups being the same or different and,

independently of one another, representing hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl group, an

optionally substituted, aromatic carbocyclic group or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkane carbonyl

group, or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, together with the nitrogen atom, forming a heterocyclic (C<sub>3</sub>-

C<sub>6</sub>) group, such as an imidazolidino, piperdino, pyrrolidino, pyrazolidino,

piperazino or morpholino group;

V represents hydrogen, an aliphatic group, an aromatic isocyclic group, an

aromatic heterocyclic group, a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R<sup>3</sup>;

wherein R<sup>3</sup> represents hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkoxy group, an

amino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl amino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl group or an aryl group;

W represents a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> representing

hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)

alkylamino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl group or an aryl group, alternatively, V and W

can also jointly form an aliphatic or aromatic isocyclic or heterocyclic ring system;

and

Kat<sup>+</sup> represents an alkali cation, an alkaline earth cation, a quaternary

ammonium group, a quaternary phosphonium group or a sulfonium group.

wherein X is oxygen or sulfur;

Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> are the same or different and, independently of one another, each

represent a nitrogen atom or a nitrogen monoxide group (NO);

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and, independently of one another, each represent hydrogen, a halogen atom (F, Cl, Br, I), a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, a substituted (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group substituted with a halogen atom, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy group, a nitro group or an NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup> group, the R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are the same or different and, independently of one another, each represent hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl group, an optionally substituted, aromatic carbocyclic group or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkane carbonyl group, or

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, together with the nitrogen atom, form a heterocyclic (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-group;

V represents hydrogen, an aliphatic group, an aromatic isocyclic group, an aromatic heterocyclic group, a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R<sub>3</sub>, wherein R<sub>3</sub> represents hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl group or an aryl group;

W represents a cyano group or a carbonyl function (CO)-R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> representing hydrogen, a hydroxy group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy group, an amino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkylamino group, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl group or an aryl group; alternatively, V and W together form an aliphatic or aromatic isocyclic or heterocyclic ring system; and

Kat<sup>+</sup> represents an alkali cation, an alkaline earth cation, a quaternary ammonium group, a quaternary phosphonium group or a sulfonium group.

Page 9, third paragraph, the following changes are made:

The dyeing agents containing the ~~4-nitro-2,1,3-benzoxadiazole derivatives~~  
~~or 4-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole derivatives of the general Formula~~ 7-nitro-2, 1, 3-  
benzoxadiazole compounds and 7-nitro-2,1,3-benzthiadiazole compounds of  
formula (I) make possible an outstanding, uniform, intensive dyeing of keratin  
fibers (particularly human hair) under gentle and skin-compatible conditions. The  
dyeing is extremely resistant to shampooing light and sweat.